

HR128 / HCR193

Testimony

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCREASE PEDESTRIAN  
SAFETY IN THE AREA SURROUNDING HONOWAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN  
WAIPAHI, HAWAII.

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2 communities in Hawaii; and

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8 were 25 pedestrian fatalities in traffic accidents during 2014,  
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12 Street in Waipahu, educates approximately 700 students; and

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19 afternoon when school ends, the area surrounding Honowai  
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24 adequately protected; now, therefore,

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27 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
28 Session of 2015, that the Department of Transportation Services  
29 of the City and County of Honolulu is urged to take steps to  
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3 Transportation Services for the area surrounding Honowai  
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7 for crosswalks;
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- 9 (2) The use of pedestrian crossing signs;
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- 11 (3) Painting "School Xing" on the roadway before  
12 crosswalks; and
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- 14 (4) Painting visual cues on the roadway leading to  
15 sidewalks; and
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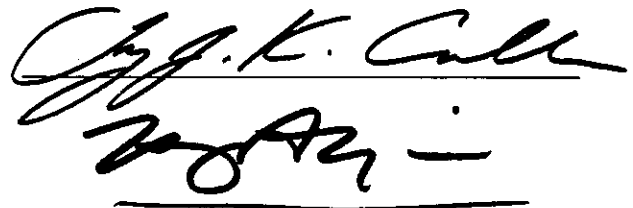
17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of  
19 Honolulu; Director of the Department of Transportation Services  
20 of the City and County of Honolulu; Chief of Police of the  
21 Honolulu Police Department; Superintendent of Education; and  
22 Principal of Honowai Elementary School.

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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March 25, 2015

The Honorable Henry J. C. Aquino, Chair  
and Members  
Committee on Transportation  
House of Representatives  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Aquino and Members:

SUBJECT: House Resolution No. 128, Urging the City and County of Honolulu  
to Increase Pedestrian Safety in the Area Surrounding Honowai  
Elementary School in Waipahu, Hawaii

I am Calvin Tong, Major of the Traffic Division of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu. The HPD supports the passage of House Resolution No. 128, Urging the City and County of Honolulu to Increase Pedestrian Safety in the Area Surrounding Honowai Elementary School in Waipahu, Hawaii.

There are many traffic engineering designs which can help to increase pedestrian safety. The HPD supports the implementation of additional traffic safety and traffic-calming measures.

The HPD urges you to support House Resolution No. 128, Urging the City and County of Honolulu to Increase Pedestrian Safety in the Area Surrounding Honowai Elementary School in Waipahu, Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Calvin Tong, Major  
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Louis M. Kealoha  
Chief of Police

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My name is Roslyn Kanae and I have taught at Honowai for 15 years. In the fall of 2009, I co-coached the Robotics team of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who wrote a resolution that was passed unanimously by the Waipahu Neighborhood Board. The Board agreed that the area between Kiolena Street and Kipou Street be restriped, a flashing sign should be installed at intersections on either side of Honowai Elementary School, and that police should monitor the area occasionally in the mornings when children are walking to school. A sensor was installed to monitor traffic and bright neon yellow school crossing signs were installed to replace the faded mustard yellow ones. Police officers drove by the area at least once a month during the beginning of the 2010 school year. Following the resolution, the students spent a morning sign-waving in front of the school with Farmers Insurance representatives raising awareness about pedestrian safety and encouraging drivers to slow down near the school.

Restriping the road in 2010 was necessary to visually narrow the road for drivers, however, parking for the employees of Honowai Elementary School continues to be an issue. There are approximately 35 stalls on campus but over 100 people working on campus at any given time of the day- including teachers, clerks, custodial staff, cafeteria staff, English as a Second Language support staff, counselors, educational assistants, and other support staff. This means that many of Honowai's employees are scrounging for parking near to the school.

Honowai Elementary School services 742 students grades pre-K through 6. Many of our students walk to and from school unattended by adults due to our socio-economic status (70% free and reduced lunch). We are located between two T-shaped intersections and are within walking distance of Fort Weaver Road and a freeway on-ramp.

Pedestrian safety has become an issue on campus again recently. We lost our two crossing guards and the safety rules for Junior Police Officers became stricter. Incoming young students have been fearless about running away from their teachers and trying to run home from school. Three years ago, a kindergarten student ran out onto the road from between parked cars, and was hit by a car afterschool. Almost a month ago, a fourth grader was crossing the street towards the school from the bus stop and was hit while in a marked crosswalk before school.

Please hear our voices as we advocate for the students and reconsider the additional safety measures of raising crosswalks, placing a pedestrian crossing sign in the middle of the road, painting "School Xing" signs on either road side leading up to Honowai Elementary School or make a visual demarcation of the difference between the road and the sidewalk. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.